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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

MASAAKI IWANE ET AL.

Application No.: 09/346,678

Filed: July 2, 1999

For: CRYSTAL GROWTH PROCESS,  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE,  
AND ITS PRODUCTION  
PROCESS

Examiner: J. Diaz

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 7 and 9 to read as follows:

7. (Amended) A semiconductor device comprising a substrate and formed thereon an active layer having the surface of (111)-plane; the active layer being used in photoelectric conversion.